



## Commonly Misused Words: Homonyms and Other Mistaken Words

Misuse of homonyms and other similar-sounding words is common. Homonyms are words that sound alike but are spelled differently and have different meanings.

- ☐ Use this sheet to identify homonyms you commonly mistake.
- ☐ Write definitions for each word that you often misuse to help you memorize the difference.
- ☐ Keep this sheet as a reference to help you distinguish them in the future.

accept _____	bare _____	course _____
except _____	bear _____	coarse _____
advice _____	board _____	counsel _____
advise _____	bored _____	council _____
affect _____	brake _____	compliment _____
effect _____	break _____	complement _____
all ready _____	buy _____	desert _____
already _____	by _____	dessert _____
allude _____	cite _____	disburse _____
elude _____	sight _____	disperse _____
	site _____	
allusion _____		elicit _____
illusion _____	capital _____	illicit _____
	capitol _____	
are _____		fair _____
our _____	censor _____	fare _____
hour _____	censure _____	
		further _____
ascent _____	conscience _____	farther _____
assent _____	conscious _____	

hear \_\_\_\_\_

here \_\_\_\_\_

heard \_\_\_\_\_

herd \_\_\_\_\_

hole \_\_\_\_\_

whole \_\_\_\_\_

its \_\_\_\_\_

it's \_\_\_\_\_

knew \_\_\_\_\_

new \_\_\_\_\_

no \_\_\_\_\_

know \_\_\_\_\_

lose \_\_\_\_\_

loss \_\_\_\_\_

loose \_\_\_\_\_

passed \_\_\_\_\_

past \_\_\_\_\_

patience \_\_\_\_\_

patients \_\_\_\_\_

peace \_\_\_\_\_

piece \_\_\_\_\_

plain \_\_\_\_\_

plane \_\_\_\_\_

presence \_\_\_\_\_

presents \_\_\_\_\_

principle \_\_\_\_\_

principal \_\_\_\_\_

rein \_\_\_\_\_

rain \_\_\_\_\_

reign \_\_\_\_\_

residents \_\_\_\_\_

residence \_\_\_\_\_

right \_\_\_\_\_

rite \_\_\_\_\_

write \_\_\_\_\_

rode \_\_\_\_\_

road \_\_\_\_\_

scene \_\_\_\_\_

seen \_\_\_\_\_

than \_\_\_\_\_

then \_\_\_\_\_

there \_\_\_\_\_

their \_\_\_\_\_

they're \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

two \_\_\_\_\_

too \_\_\_\_\_

waist \_\_\_\_\_

waste \_\_\_\_\_

weather \_\_\_\_\_

whether \_\_\_\_\_

weight \_\_\_\_\_

wait \_\_\_\_\_

wear \_\_\_\_\_

where \_\_\_\_\_

which \_\_\_\_\_

witch \_\_\_\_\_

whose \_\_\_\_\_

who's \_\_\_\_\_

your \_\_\_\_\_

you're \_\_\_\_\_

*Additional word pairs or groups  
you may want to remember:*

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